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Dubious Epitaph

The Investigation of the Assassination

Of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963

I. Crisis.

1. The Assassination of President Kennedy
2. Crisis of the Nuclear Order
    a. A generation of Cold War
    b. The nuclear issue
    c. The institutional order of American society
    d. The crisis
3. Formation of the Warren Commission
    a. Origin
    b. Composition
    c. Powers and charge
    d. Structure

II. Procrustes. The FBI's Five Volume Initial Report of December 9, 1963, CD1.

1. Hoover, the FBI and the assassiantion.
    a. The instantaneous solution
    b. The solution in operation
    c. The report
2. CD1
    a. Origin
    b. physical description
3. CD1 as a document
    a. The assassination and CD1
    b. Omissions and errors, etc.
    c. LH Oswald and CD1
    d. Conclusory nature
4. Forming the public and official mind: leaking of CD1's contents
    a. The WC and the investigation
    b. Leaking of CD1
    c. Importance of the leaks
5. Motivation of FBI
6. CD1 as Procrustes

III. The Child of CD1: The Warren Report

1. The Warren Report, origin and formulation
2. As a document, analysis
    a. Dross
    b. Perversions
    c. Omissions
    d. And Oswald
3. Importance of Report to our knowledge of the crime

IV. Exclusion of Oswald (1): Prior to and inside of the Depository.

1. Oswald's ownership, possession and movement of the rifle prior to the 22d
2. Movement of the rifle into the Depository
3. Oswald, 11:55 to 12:30
4. Oswald's alibi
5. Encounter in the lunchroom

V. Exclusion of Oswald (2): After the assassination until arrest at 1:45.

1. Leaving the Depository until the rooming house.
    a. The time problem
    b. Bus: the bizarre
    c. Cab: the weird
    d. Rooming house and the plucking of time out of the air
2. The death of Tippit & the Framing of Oswald
    a. The timing question
    b. The witness question and the investigation
    c. The evidence:
        (1) Post mortem and death certificate
        (2) pistol of Oswald
        (3) shell casings
        (4) bullets
        (5) witnesses
        (6) chain of possession
    d. Logic: Tippit's and Oswald's.
3. War is Hell.
    a. Oswald's entrance to the Texas Theatre
    b. Arrest
4. Oswald and the police line-ups and witness identification: a note

VI. The Mannlicher-Carcano.

1. Physical description of Depository weapon
    a. history
2. The alleged shooting feat.
    a. mechanics of
    b. WC determination of
3. Exterior witnesses and photographs
4. Tests

VII. The Zapruder film

1. Physical description of film and camera
2. History of the taking of the film
3. Chain of possession of the film, 12:30- +
4. Analysis of the film:
5. Government officials and the film

VIII. The Single Bullet Theory

IX. The medical evidence

X. Other bullets

XI. Hosty

XII The courts and the citizen adversary

XIII Odds and ends (1)

XIV Odds and ends (2)

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XVI How to read about the assassination.

1. Fact or fancy?
2. Reading
3. How to teach about the assassination
4. How to study and write on the assassination
5. The future